



GALLIPOLI TURKISH CULTURAL FOUNDATION

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Media Statement

Attack on Auburn Gallipoli Mosque

On the evening of Sunday 25/10/2020, an unidentified male entered the Auburn Gallipoli Mosque and caused significant damage to windows and fixtures.

The violent attack occurred while a small group of worshipers were on-site, including seniors, women and children.

Based on some of his utterances, it is clear to us that his motivations were anti-Turkish and tied to events overseas.

Being such an iconic Turkish Mosque, we have unfortunately become a lightning rod for anyone wanting to express their anti-Muslim or anti-Turkish sentiment.

We are a local Mosque focused on serving the needs of our local community here in Sydney, including the promotion of peace and harmony between all communities calling Australia home.

Such attacks, inspired by imported hate from faraway lands, have no place here in Australia. They aim to divide our communities by pitting us against each other and rip apart the social fabric that binds our communities.

The Auburn Gallipoli Mosque will continue to spread the message of peace and harmony in Australia and fight the scourge of hate and division wherever we see it.

We call upon all Australians to stand with us and reject the importation of such hate into Australia. By standing in solidarity with each, we can ensure these individuals do not achieve their desired outcomes.

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